

and expenses necessarily incurred thereby; referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Ridgely having submitted a motion asking for the leave of the house to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act to alter all that part of the constitution and form of government of this state, that provides for the election of four members from each county, and two from the city of Annapolis, to the house of delegates.

The question thereon was propounded, "Will the house agree to grant the leave asked for?" And it was determined in the negative.

Leaves of the house were asked for and obtained to introduce bills of the following titles, to wit.

By Mr. Speed, An act making certain chancery records, therein mentioned.

Whereupon it was ordered, that Messrs. Speed, Goldsborough and Tidball, be a committee to prepare and report the bill.

By Mr. Farquhar, An act relating to revolutionary officers and soldiers, and their widows.

Whereupon it was ordered, that Messrs Farquhar, Gibbons and Rogerson, be a committee to prepare and report the bill.

By Mr. Buchanan, An act to regulate the rate of interest in this state. Whereupon it was ordered, that Messrs. Buchanan, Barnes and Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and report the bill. Mr. Buchanan accordingly reported said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to be laid upon the table. And,

By Mr. Barnes, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors. Whereupon it was ordered, that Messrs Barnes, Gibbons and Stricker, be a committee to prepare and report the bill.

Mr. Tidball asked for, and obtained the permission of the house, to withdraw from its further consideration, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to release the tax upon the Hager's-town academy lottery.

On motion by Mr. Tidball, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to abolish the high court of chancery, and orphans courts of this state, and to establish a more efficient system of equity therein, was made the order of the day for Tuesday next, the 6th instant.

On motion by Mr John W. Thomas, the following message, submitted by him, was twice read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, viz.

By the House of Delegates, March 3, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The bill to elect the senate by the people, has been returned